

## District # 3

### Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

**Chair:** Patrick Corrado

**Vice Chair:** Gloria Stephens

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#### MEETING SUMMARY

Location: St. Vincent's Southside  
Main Hospital, Auditorium C  
4201 Belfort Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
Date: Monday, October 22, 2012

#### Attendance:

##### **Organizations/Representatives**

##### **Members:**

Akers, Jim – Royal Lakes Civic Association  
Banks, George – Secret Cove Civic Association  
Becton, Daniel - Deercreek Homeowner Association  
Bollinger, George – City Council Appointment – District 4  
Cardell, Richard – The Lakewood Community  
Clapp, Ann - Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association  
Corrado, Patrick, Chair - Mandarin Community Club  
D'Onofrio, Carol – Deercreek Owners Association  
Heesch-Gilman, Karen - Brierwood Neighborhood Association  
Hill, James - Greater Hood Road Community Association  
Johnson, Deborah – The Gables Homeowners Association  
Inman, Roger – Windy Hills Civic Association  
Johnson, Sr., Kirby - Wyndam Forest Homeowners  
Lyons, Gamal - Tall Cypress Cove Homeowner Association  
McLean, Robert - Mandarin Community Club  
McPeek, Patricia – Wolf Creek Condominium Association  
Nichols, Theoda – Greater Sans Souci Neighborhood Association  
Peek, Luther – Los Prados Condominium No. 1, Inc.  
Retterbush, Blake - San Marco Preservation Society  
Rothstein, Marj - Villa San Jose Civic Association  
Stephens, Gloria – Saddlebrook Homeowners Association  
Waddell, John - East Hampton Homeowners Association  
Wolfe, Elizabeth – Pickwick Park Civic Association

##### **Excused:**

Dobrowski, Norm - Julington Crossing Residential Committee  
Hodges, Ralph – Englewood Full Service School  
Perera, Kathleen – Alumni Civic Association

##### **Elected Officials:**

City Council Member Lori Boyer - District 5

##### **Staff:**

Crawford, Robert - Code Compliance  
Haberman, Adam – JSO  
Kitchen, Larry – JSO  
Logsdon, Kenny – Neighborhoods, Housing & Community Development

**Guests:**

O'Donnell, Melissa	Valdez, Alyssa
Mehta, Annie	Tomey, Mary
Martin, Diane	Skiles, Doug

**1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

- Chair Corrado called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

**2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

- Chair Corrado made a motion to accept with the change to the date on the final page. Jim Hill made the motion and Michael Lashbrook seconded the motion. The SeptemberAugust meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Staff Reports:**

**JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)**- Informed the group that they would show a video and share information in regard to the red light traffic cameras.

- **Mayor's Liaison**- not present
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Eddie Christian, informed the group about the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. The AVID curriculum has rigorous standard and was developed by middle and senior high school teachers. The mission of the AVID program is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. An AVID student often the first in the family to attend college, has the desire and determination to go to college, has a GPA between 2.0 – 3.5, has good attendance, economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented in 4year colleges/university.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)-Jim Green** -sent the following report: There will be a public hearing on Thursday at the Ramada Inn at San Jose and I-295. This public hearing will be about the proposed express lanes between the Buckman Bridge and I-295. Open House is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the comment period will start at 6:30 p.m. There is a public meeting on the Overland Bridge, on October 30 at the FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- **JaxParks – Pam Roman** – sent the following report: No project updates for this district. We would like to invite folks to watch our new online programs, JaxParks TV. It's accessible at [www.jaxparkstv.com](http://www.jaxparkstv.com).
- **Neighborhoods Department:**
  - **Housing and Community Development Division** – Rosemary Wesolowski  
Ms. Wesolowski reminded the group that the SE CPAC would hold their annual election at the November meeting. If anyone would like to make a nomination, please send it to Rosemary, Gamal Lyons, George Banks or Ralph Hodges. There was also some dialogue about the December CPAC meeting with the members. It was determined that Rosemary would send out an email for the CPAC members to determine how they would like to handle the December CPAC meeting.
  - **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Robert Crawford

Mr. Crawford stated that they have been very busy in Zone 3 and they welcome the fact that the "growing season" is winding down. There was a systematic inspection in Lakewood and that opened 70 new cases.

- **Planning & Development** – Aaron Glick  
Not present

#### 4. **Presentations** –

The Honorable Mayor Alvin Brown informed the group that since he took office in July 2011 he has worked hard to build a higher quality of life for Jacksonville by focusing on education, jobs and government efficiency.

One of the first areas that the Mayor focused on was bringing quality jobs to Jacksonville. One of the programs that the Mayor has developed to help promote jobs and employment is called Business Builders. Business Builders provides entrepreneurs with expert advice to refine business plans, obtain capital and credit. At the first Business Builders program there were over 450 entrepreneurs in attendance. The Mayor has also brought the 7-11 Corporation back to Jacksonville; 7-11 is currently working on opening several stores. There has also been a lot of focus on JaxPort. As chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Metro Exports and Ports Task Force, Mayor Brown led a series of meetings in Jacksonville in February to gather input and develop a resolution calling for increased investments in port infrastructure from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and development of national freight policy to identify key cargo corridors, more actively engage policy-level stakeholders such as the Commerce Department and the Small Business Administration to encourage exporting, and reduce the environmental impacts of shipping.

Education is another key to a higher quality of life is education. To support a stronger education system and to develop the leaders of tomorrow the Mayor developed the Mayor's Mentors. At this time there are over 600 adults that have committed to mentor our young students. As well, the Mayor also developed several programs to encourage secondary education. The Learn to Earn Initiative will expose students to the possibility of going to college. This program is part of the private public partnership by working with JU and UNF. This summer young people will be staying on college campuses and exposing them to college. There are also the College Workshops that are available for students to obtain assistance with filling out their financial aid and college paperwork. There is also the Leaders in Training Program which prepares local college students in reaching their full career potential through skill-building workshops, internship work experience and mentoring from local business executives. The goal of the program is to grow and retain the regional talent pool of qualified professionals. With the Mayors launch of the Leaders in Training Programs the city has joined with CSX, the JAX Chamber, Worksource, Edward Waters College, Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville University, Nova Southeastern University, the University of North Florida, Keiser University and the University of Phoenix to create this new public-private partnership for workforce development.

Jacksonville is the most military friendly city in America. The Mayor has elevated Military Affairs to a cabinet post and appointed retired Rear Admiral Victor Gillory. At this time 25% of the homeless are veterans. At this time there are approximately 60 businesses that are on board to help to help launch jobs and opportunities for veterans. The Mayor launched a new website for veterans (COJ.net, Jobs for Veterans) to help connect our veterans to these opportunities.

To honor the service and sacrifice of Jacksonville's military community the Mayor announced that the City of Jacksonville will recognize their commitment to our country with

the Week of Valor. This will be weeklong series of events aims to connect active duty military, veterans and their families with job opportunities and services, as well as honor their service to our great nation. Events include the Veterans Summit, Veterans Job Fair and the Veterans Day Parade. In addition, there will be two nationally televised sporting events with the Jacksonville Jaguars Military Appreciation Game on Thursday and the Navy-Marine Corps Classic on the deck of the USS Bataan on Saturday.

Having a vital and vibrant downtown is important component in our economic development. It is important to have a clear, strategic plan and vision for downtown. It is important to have the Downtown Investment Authority to focus on downtown. Currently, Economic Development Legislation is already before City Council and it is hopeful it will be complete by June. It is important to get the community to work and live downtown. At this time Everbank is moving 1500 jobs downtown and plan to hire an additional 200 people. Blue Cross/Blue Shield will hire an additional 250 people.

The city is also faced with a \$58 million deficit and this will force government to be more efficient. The Mayor's Reform of Government Plan focuses on operational efficiencies such as fleet management, energy use and overtime. In effort to do his part, the Mayor took a 20% cut in pay and brought the city's most talented people to his administration at virtually no cost to the taxpayers through Executives On Loan.

**Chairs report** - Chair Corrado announced that a nomination subcommittee has been formed; George Banks, Ralph Hodges and Gamal Lyons are the subcommittee members. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact one of the members or Rosemary. The election will be held during the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Elected Officials Reports** – Council member Boyer stated that she is working on 4 areas of legislation and would accept community input. The 4 areas are:

- Public Service Grants and the Public Service Grants Council – looking at their procedures and criteria
- The budget process of the Capital Improvement Plan – making sure the projects do not disappear, but get funding as it becomes available
- Context Sensitive Streets – from the City's Redbook; which is the engineering standards for roads, sidewalks and bike lanes. The Redbook was originally designed for new subdivisions, but really doesn't work well for older neighborhoods, rural areas, industrial area or commercial areas so it has been determined that these standards and recommendations need to be revised
- Changes in the PUD process

#### **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports -**

**LUZ** (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs- Jim Hill, Subcommittee Chair  
Mr. Hill stated at the LUZ subcommittee meeting they did discuss the PUD Process changes with Councilmember Boyer and reviewed several applications. None of the applications appeared to have any opposition, but there is 1 large scale project planned on San Pablo Road. There are 2 applications for this project; 30.8 acres and 113 acres on the west side of San Pablo Road. There wasn't anyone from the area in attendance at the meeting, but one CPAC member, Patty McPeck lives in the area and she is going to reach out to a couple of the neighborhoods in the area to get their feedback.

#### **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Dick Cardell, Subcommittee Chair

Reminded the group that we need to be careful on where we blow our leaves, please keep them out of the drains. It appears that someone has educated the various landscape companies, it appears that most of the companies have stopped blowing the leaves into the

drains. Member McPeek inquired who we should call if we see someone or a company blowing leaves in the drain. It was recommended that you take a picture on this act being completed and call 630-City to get your report recorded.

**Economic Development** – Gloria Stephens, Subcommittee Chair  
No report, the Mayor covered

**Education** – George Banks and John Waddell, Subcommittee Co-Chairs  
Stated that Chris Forest, Director of Career Development should be here next month.

**Membership** – Kathleen Perera, Subcommittee Chair  
Not Present

**Nomination** – Gamal Lyons, Subcommittee Chair  
If you want to participate or make a nomination, please contact Gamal Lyons, George Banks, Ralph Hodges or Rosemary.

**Transportation – Growth Management** -Danny Becton, Subcommittee Chair  
Mr. Becton stated that the second meeting of the Southside Vision Study will be held on November 15, 2012, 6-9 pm FCSJ Deerwood Campus.

**Safety** – Betty Wolfe and Roger Inman, Subcommittee Co-Chairs  
ShAdCo held a meeting last night and elected new officers.

**Ad-Hoc:**

**TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission – no report  
The paperwork for Danny Becton’s nomination to represent the SE CPAC has been made and the nomination process has started.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Public Comments/Announcements** (3-minute time limit)

**Motion to Adjourn**

Robert McLean made a motion to adjourn and John Waddell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

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